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EXPORT MARKET OF BRAHMOS MISSILE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to export the supersonic Brahmos cruise missile;

(b) if so, the names of the countries which have shown interest in procuring this missile;

(c) the time by which the export of this missile is likely to be started;

(d) whether the Government has entered into an agreement with Russia regarding export of the said missile; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) The Inter-Governmental Agreement signed by Governments of India and Russia, while forming the Joint Venture (JV) for developing supersonic cruise missile, stipulates that the missile will be inducted in the Armed Forces of India and Russia and also will be exported to friendly countries. Therefore, the Government of India in consultation with Government of Russia will export Brahmos cruise missile to friendly countries taking into account the security needs of the both countries.

(b) The Brahmos joint venture has participated in many International Exhibitions and some countries have shown interest to buy. But, no decision has been taken by the Government regarding the countries to whom the missile can be sold.

(c) Presently, the Brahmos missiles are being produced for meeting the requirements for Indian Army, Navy and Air Force on priority. Export will start only after meeting minimum requirements of India.

(d) & (e): There is an Inter-Governmental Agreement signed between the two Governments on export of Brahmos missile. This also has approval of the Indo-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission for Military Technical Cooperation for export.